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PROPOSAL

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1. TENTATIVE WASHINGTON REACTION TO BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL IS THAT IT IS UNACCEPTABLE, EVEN AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. PROPOSED DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT WOULD UNDERMINE IF NOT REPLACE GATT. ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE THOSE COVERED IN GATT'S PART IV. EVEN IF TRADE RELATIONS COULD SOMEHOW BE CHOPPED UP INTO TWO COMPARTMENTS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RIVAL GATT-LIKE ORGANIZATION FOR DC-LDC TRADE WOULD NOT ONLY DUPLICATE EXISTING GATT FUNCTIONS BUT COULD NOT HELP BUT INTERVENE INTO INTRA-DC TRADE RELATIONS. THE CONCEPT OF SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR LDC'S IS, AFTER ALL, MEANINGFUL ONLY IN COMPARISON TO THE PRINCIPLES APPLICABLE TO "NORMAL" TRADING RELATIONS.

B. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A REAL PROBLEM OF BETTER DEFINING THE OBLIGATIONS OF LDCS IN THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM, GATT HAS ATTEMPTED TO DO FOR ALL COUNTRIES. WORK ON A

PROPOSED AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO COVER THE SAME GROUND AS IS ALREADY BEING COVERED IN THE MTN WHERE IT IS ALREADY CLEARLY INTENDED THAT THE MATTER OF REFORM

OF THE GATT WILL BE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED. DC'S HAVE SOLEMNLY AND REPEATEDLY AFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO FIND WAYS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR LDC'S. WORK IS NOW ACTIVELY UNDERWAY IN THE MTN TO FULFILL THOSE COMMITMENTS. FURTHERMORE, WORK IS UNDERWAY IN THE GATT AND MTN TO IMPROVE THE WORLD TRADING STRUCTURE TO BETTER TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LDC NEEDS.

C. FOR ABOVE REASONS, THIS PROPOSAL WOULD UNDERMINE WORK OF MTN, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BE THE MECHANISM FOR ACHIEVING THE GREATEST BENEFITS FOR LDC'S. ADDITIONAL MOMENTUM HAS BEEN GIVEN THE MTN BY THE RAMBOUILLET SUMMIT WHICH FORESEES THEIR CONCLUSION BY 1977.

D. WE ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN GATT AS A CONSTRUCTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIVE FORUM. IT IS ONE OF THE FEW ARENAS WHERE TRADE ISSUES CAN BE DISCUSSED SUBSTANTIVELY AND WITHOUT UNDUE RHETORIC AND WHERE BY TRADITION DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BY CONSENSUS DESPITE PROVISIONS FOR ONE COUNTRY - ONE VOTE.

2. WE ARE STUDYING WHAT, IF ANY, ALTERNATIVE MISSION MAY PRESENT, AND WILL ADVISE MISSION ASAP. KISSINGER

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